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USS GUAM

S E C R E T JIDDA 7456

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT FLYBY FOR KENYA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

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1. REFERENCE PROPOSED PORT VISIT TO JIDDA 20-22 DEC OF USS GUAM (LPH-
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AS OUTLINED IN REF B.

2. THE PROPOSED VISIT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO EMPHASIZED THAT THE HARBOR IS A MESS IN LATE DECEMBER, AT THE END OF THE HADJ (PILGRIMAGE), AS A MILLION PEOPLE EXIT SAUDI ARABIA THROUGH THE LIMITED FACILITIES IN JIDDA SEAPORT AND AIRPORT. THEREFORE, THE VISIT OF SUCH A MAJOR SHIP AT THE TIME OF MAXIMUM PORT CONGESTION SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.

3. AMEMB JIDDA HAS REQUESTED THE VISIT OF A MAJOR AMERICAN SHIP TO DEMONSTRATE OUR ADVANCED NAVAL TECHNOLOGY. THE FACT THAT THE MOST IMPRESSIVE SHOW PIECES ON THE USS GUAM ARE OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURE WOULD NOT BE MISSED BY THE SAUDIS AND WOULD BE UNDERLINED BY THE FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES IN COUNTRY.

4. RESPECTFULLY DECLINE THE VISIT OF THE USS GUAM TO JIDDA. REQUEST THE SCHEDULING OF AN APPROPRIATE MAJOR SHIP SOMETIME IN APRIL 77 IF POSSIBLE.
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